(c) by when the four laning work is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No such report has been received.

(b) and c) The work of widening of certain stretches of the Cuttack-Bhubaneshwar section of National Highway No. 5 has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 185.82 lakhs. The works are in different stages of progress and are likely to be completed by March, 1990.

**Declaration of State roads as National Highways**

905. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State Road in Orissa are proposed to be declared as National Highway;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) whether the details of the proposals received from the State Government and the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) During the 7th Five Year Plan, the Government of Orissa have projected the requirement for the declaration of the Gopalpur-Khariar-Raipur Road as a National Highway. However, owing to limitation of resources under the Central Sector Roads programme and other priority considerations, it is not possible at present to include this road in the National Highway network.

**रेल यात्री कर**

906. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कुछ मुख्य मंत्रियों ने मांग की है कि उन्हें उनके राज्यों में रेल यात्री कर लगाने की अनुमति दी जाए और यदि हां, उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) इस मांग पर सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

**रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया)** : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

**Vayudoot airlink to Guntur**

907. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air passengers to Guntur have at present to use Vijayawada airport which is at a distance of about 60 kms from Guntur, passing through narrow lanes and by-lanes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that serious inconvenience is caused to passengers intending to visit Guntur or departing from there in the absence of air service from there; and

(c) if so, whether Government provide a Vayudoot air link to Guntur in view of the considerable traffic potential?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) Vijayawada being in close proximity, adequately caters to the requirement of passengers to and from Guntur. The absence of a suitable airstrip is yet another factor for which Vayudoot operations to Guntur are not possible.

**Conversion of Guntur-Guntakal meter-gauge into broadgauge**

908. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several representations have been made for the

conversion of Guntur-Guntakal meter-gauge line into a broad-gauge line;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision thereon; and

(c) if so, by when this project is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Survey for the conversion has been taken up. No action can be taken till the survey is completed and report examined.

**Development of National Highways**

909. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four laning of the National Highway between Delhi and Kanpur is the first step in this direction; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Four laning of sections of National Highways having heavy traffic has been included as a part of their development in the Seventh Five Year Plan and this includes four laning between Ballabhgarh and Agra on Delhi-Kanpur N.H. route. The detailed project is presently in the age of formulation and its implementation would depend on the availability of funds.

**National highway between Vijayawada and Ongole**

910. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four laning of National Highway No. NH-5 between Vijayawada and Ongole has been approved by Government;

(b) if so, by when the work on this project is likely to start and by when it is expected to be completed; and

(c) whether four laning of NH-5 is proposed to be extended upto Madras in view of the heavy traffic on this section of the road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Four laning of road from Vijayawada to Chilakaluripet on Vijayawada-Ongole section of NH-5 is included in the 7th Five Year Plan and the proposal has been projected to World Bank for financial assistance. It is premature to indicate either date of start or completion.

(c) No, Sir.

**National Institute for Youth Development**

911. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Institute for youth development; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) A Working Group was set up to examine various aspects and the feasibility of establishing a National Institute of Youth Development. The Working Group has submitted its report to the Government. No final decision has yet been taken on the report.